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adding to each transition leaving "p" a non-\(\epsilon\)-transitions, wherein each state

"q" is left with its weights pre-multiplied by an ε-distance from state "p" to a state "q" in the input transducer.--

REMARKS

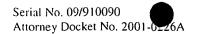
This preliminary amendment corrects the claim numbering. Kindly enter the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to examination of the claims.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 30 have been cancelled.

New claims 31 through 56 have been added.